

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 431

USIA WASHDC

UNCLAS MOSCOW 2900

STATE FOR EUR/SOV; USIA FOR IEU

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN

SUBJ: EMBASSY USE OF AP, UPI, OR REUTERS WIRE SERVICES

REF: STATE 39280

1. EMBASSY HAS SUBSCRIBED TO ASSOCIATED PRESS SERVICE SINCE NOVEMBER 1967. COST SINCE THAT DATE REMAINED AT \$200 PER MONTH. IN OCTOBER 1975 AP NOTIFIED EMBASSY THAT INFLATION WAS FORCING INCREASE IN COST OF SERVICE TO "PRIVATE" SUBSCRIBERS TO \$400 PER MONTH. IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS, EMBASSY AND AP AGREED THAT INCREASE WOULD BE SPREAD OVER THREE-YEAR PERIOD, STARTING IN JULY 1976 WITH INCREASE TO \$267, \$334 IN JULY 1977, AND \$400 IN JULY 1978.

2. AT TIME OF NOTIFICATION OF INCREASED RATE, EMBASSY SOLICITED BID FROM UPI FOR SERVICE. REUTERS NOT CONSIDERED SINCE EMBASSY DESIRED US NEWS SERVICE. ALTHOUGH UPI BID WAS LOWER THAN AP (\$250 PER MONTH), PRINCIPAL EMBASSY SECTIONS USING WIRE SERVICE DECIDED THAT CONVENIENCE OF CONTINUING WITH EXISTING SERVICE, FAMILIARITY WITH AP FILE, AND SUBJECTIVE OPINION THAT AP PROVIDES BETTER SERVICE FROM EUROPEAN CAPITALS WEIGHED DECISION TO STAY WITH AP RATHER THAN SWITCH.  
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